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(Case No. 04-109)

In re Application of:

Laurent Bodin, et al. ) Before Examiner:  
Serial No. 10/789,683 ) Not yet Assigned  
Filed: February 27, 2004 ) Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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Method of Manufacturing Said )  
Link )

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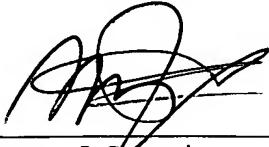
Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

In regard to the above identified application we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. A. Information Disclosure Statement;  
B. Form 1449 and five (5) cited references;  
C. French Preliminary Search Report;  
D. Postcard.
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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This prior art statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98 in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

In the judgment of the undersigned, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether cited in this statement or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102.

U.S. Documents

1. U.S. Patent 5,064,726, granted November 12, 1991.
2. U.S. Patent 5,664,327, granted September 9, 1997.

Foreign Documents

3. EP 0 621 410 A2, published October 26, 1994.
4. EP 0 647 787 A1, published April 12, 1995.
5. EP 0 691 481 A1, published January 10, 1996.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested the document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

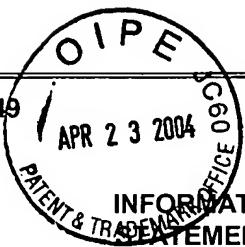
Also, enclosed is a copy of the French Preliminary Search Report in which the above-listed references were cited during the prosecution of a corresponding PCT application.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	5,064,726	11/12/1991	Swars			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	3	EP 0 621 410 A2	10/12/1989	DE				X
	4	EP 0 647 787 A1	10/07/1994	FR			X	
	5	EP 0 691 481 A1	07/05/1995	FR			X	

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

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